

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

PALLONE, Frank Jr. (Democrat)  
Representative, 6th District, New Jersey  
Elected 8Nov88 to the 100th Congress in  
special election and at same time to  
full term in 101st Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Long Branch, New Jersey -- 30 October 1951  
Home: Long Branch, New Jersey  
Marital Status: Married (Sarah) - three children  
Religion: Roman Catholic  
Education: Middlebury College, B.A. 1973; Tufts U., M.A. 1974, Rutgers University, J.D. 1978  
Military: None  
Profession: Lawyer

Political: Long Branch City Council, 1982-88; NJ Senate, 1984-88. Received 52% of the vote to defeat Joseph Azzolina (R) in 1988. Was a protege of Rep James J. Howard (D) and succeeded him when he died of a heart attack. Has a slight seniority advantage over most House freshman because he also beat Azzolina in a special election to serve out the remainder of Howard's term. Represented the 3d district through the 102d Congress. Reelected in 2000 and 2002 with 67% of the vote.

Rep Pallone, a liberal Democrat, has defined himself as a champion of the environment and health care. Well versed and outspoken on US relations with Cuba, Pakistan, and India (generally critical of Cuba and Pakistan while supportive of India).

In the 102d Congress, supported use of force in the Gulf conflict; opposed the proposed sale of F-15s to Saudi Arabia.

In the 103d Congress, opposed shipping arms to Pakistan.

In the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, criticized the excessive liability exemptions in H.R. 2580, hazardous waste cleanup. Supported the "polluter pays" principle. Believed the US should view India's missile test launch in light of China's threat to the subcontinent and the fact that Pakistan's missile development program has progressed so rapidly because of China's support. Commented on media reports of fighting between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. Called India's actions a defensive operation to repulse hostile infiltrators. Discussed the need to repeal the economic sanctions imposed on India and Pakistan after both countries conducted nuclear weapons tests. Believed that sanctions that limit economic growth between the US and India should be lifted while the prohibition on military transfers to Pakistan should remain. In March 2000, participated in an official state visit to India with President Clinton. Expressed strong opposition to the administration's proposed \$4 billion sale of attack helicopters to the Republic of Turkey.

In the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, expressed opposition to lifting economic sanctions against Cuba, stating, it's time for the American people "to see Castro and his regime for what they really are, a continued threat to the security of the United States." Expressed his appreciation for Pakistan's willingness to assist the US in the fight against Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network. Said he felt that, under the circumstances, it is appropriate to lift economic sanctions against Pakistan, but stated he strongly opposed providing military aid to Pakistan or lifting military sanctions. Opposed language in the FY03 DoD authorization bill allowing the DoD to disregard key elements of federal rules protecting the habitats of endangered species and migratory birds. Stated, "This proposal unnecessarily allows the Defense Department to flaunt our nation's laws and harm wildlife habitat and public lands."

AF Bases: None

## COMMITTEES

RESOURCES -- Subcs on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans

ENERGY AND COMMERCE -- Subcs on Health; Environment & Hazardous Materials, Ranking